

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

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### Ducklings

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Nursery and the children have been enjoying their learning. The children have been really loved listening to and acting out the traditional tales of Sleeping Beauty and The Magic Porridge Pot. The children worked collaboratively to make a wonderful castle which they took great pride in decorating and they enjoyed incorporating this into their role play. They have also worked hard to develop their cutting skills when they made royal crowns. Outside, the children have enjoyed making potions to help the Princess wake up and I was impressed with their perseverance as they tried to make their perfect potion. In the Outdoor Classroom, the children have really enjoyed using the trees to help them make some clay tree people. The children followed instructions well and were amazed at the different patterns that they created. We are looking forward to them drying so we can paint them.



### Fox

We have had a very busy couple of weeks. In maths, we have continued to count and write our numbers to 10. To help us recognise the numbers we played Snakes and Ladders, What's the time Mr. Wolf and Hide and Seek, the children enjoyed these games especially if they won. In English, we have continued to enjoy the story Oh No George! and the children have really enjoying acting out the story, writing messages to George and Harris and sequencing the story. They have also been developing their fine and gross motor strength and practising their sounds. During the afternoons we have been learning about celebrations including Birthdays. We worked together to make some paper chains and decorated some paper with patterns for wrapping paper.



### Badger

This week badgers have been working extremely hard on their writing. We have been planning and writing a character description for the tiger from our class story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children have used a range of interesting adjectives to describe the appearance and the personality of the tiger, as well as using full stops and capital letters to demarcate their sentences. In maths, we have been focusing on revising numbers to 20 and representing numbers using practical equipment. Next week we are looking at counting in multiples of 2 and 5, which we will then apply to problem solving. We have made links between science and topic this week by looking at the classification of animals and which continents they come from. Our topic focus is Antarctica and so far we have looked at where it is located on the map and compared it to the UK. We will now be learning about different types of animals that live in Antarctica and how they are adapted to live there. We have also been developing our sketching skills this week and sketched an Antarctic hare. Before the end of term we will be designing and building our own igloos out of various materials.



### Hedgehog

This week, Hedgehog class have been learning all about money after completing their unit on addition and subtraction. They have been counting in pounds and pence and comparing totals, before looking at how many ways we can make the same amount. This has been quite tricky, but the class are really trying hard. Over the next week we will start to look at how we can find the change from a given amount. In English, the children finished their work around "The Hedgehog" by Dick King Smith and started looking at diary entries, specifically that of Samuel Pepys linking to our topic work of The Great Fire of London. Hedgehogs have shown some very impressive knowledge around the topic and have been using some brilliant vocabulary.



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## Rabbit

Rabbit class have completed their persuasive letters this week to link with our topic of United Kingdom. We wrote letters to the environment agency to receive money to help after the floods in February. I was really impressed with their formal language. In maths, we have started our multiplication unit of work currently working on our three timetables. As artist we finally finished our art work based around the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo who creates artwork using fruit and veg to draw portrait. There were some great ideas.



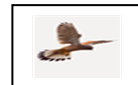
## Hare

We have had an exciting couple of weeks in Hare Class. We were amazed in English to discover a mysterious box that the builders 'discovered' on the roof this week. We are using this as an inspiration to write newspaper articles next week in English. During our maths lessons, we have been focusing on multiplication and division. The children have really enjoyed remembering these times table facts and many children achieved their times table target this week. We have also made a Christmas themed kindness tree, where children add baubles with kind things that other children have done for them. Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.



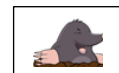
## Kestrel

Kestrel Class have worked hard this week to develop their understanding of multiplication. We have explored factors and multiples and have also learnt how to multiply three numbers together. The Year 5s have challenged themselves to identify cube numbers. We had an unexpected visitor to the class last week. We entered the classroom last Thursday morning to find that an ogre had ransacked the classroom! Luckily, we were starting our new English topic on instruction writing. We managed to find a set of instructions that has helped us to build an ogre trap. Luckily, the ogre hasn't been back to the classroom since! In topic, we explore the life and work of Mary Anning, famous archaeologist who carried out most of her research on Dorset's Jurassic coast. We completed our dinosaur fossil models by adding paint to the papier mache base. We have continued to work with Grace to create a routine based on our new topic. On Tuesday, we will be recording our Christmas performance. Please feel free to bring in a Christmas hat for the performance.



## Mole

Moles have worked very well the past two weeks and have adapted really well to different learning environments. Along the way we have had lots of fun which included lots of hard work. In maths we have drawn rainbow factors, learnt about mode, mean and range within a set of a data. Our favourite piece of maths was learning about palindrome numbers! We really enjoyed this, please ask us how to show you this at home. In Literacy we have learnt about synonyms and antonyms and have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about cave elves. We have then had the opportunity to create our very own elf and write a report all about it. We have also been learning about the Ancient Greeks and have really enjoyed creating our own 'Owl of Wisdom'. In PE, we have worked together in groups creating mini workout stations for the rest of the class to follow. This was lots of fun!



## Deer

With December approaching, Deer Class have enjoyed their art lessons which are now Christmas themed. They have been busy learning different sewing techniques but you will have to wait until the end of term to find out what they have made. In maths, we have been focusing on ratio and proportion where the children have been solving problems that involve scaling. Our class novel is getting exciting and the children have been looking at the different levels of formality and how they change depending on the character and situation. They have also been learning how to identify noun phrases and how they can help to give more detail to the reader. Deer Class have started a new topic in science which is evolution. They started the topic by learning about Charles Darwin and what he found out in his work published in 1859.



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# Stars of the week!

This week's 'Stars of the Week' are:

Deer

Mole

Kestrel

Hare

Rabbit

Hedgehog

Badger

Fox

Duckling

Grace

Morgan

Tyla

Maisie

Katie

Olly

Henry

Indie

Millee

Miles

Lacey

George

Ted

Elodie

Jazmin

Braxton

Millie

**Congratulations to you all!**

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